

NEXT CONVENTION OF WOMEN CLUB TO MEET IN CITY

Fourteenth District Federation, in Session at Aledo, Accepts Rock Island Invitation.

HUNDRED DELEGATES ATTEND

Visiting Ladies Are Royally Entertained in the Capital of Mercer County.

Rock Island club women will have the honor and pleasure of entertaining the next annual convention of the Fourteenth District Federation of Women's Clubs, no invitation having been accepted by that organization in annual session yesterday at Aledo. The invitation was extended by the Rock Island Women's Club and the Monday night girls. Over a hundred delegates and visitors registered yesterday at the Aledo Presbyterian Church in attendance upon the seventh annual meeting, representing 18 clubs from Rock Island, Warren, Marion, Henderson and McHenry counties.

Mrs. James Monroe of Aledo, who organized the club in 1906, presided over the program, which was opened by the singing of the national song of the Fourteenth District Federation of Women's Clubs, "The Star-Spangled Banner," which was presented by Misses Elizabeth and Mary, members of the visiting delegation.

Following the singing, Mrs. Charles Zimmerman, president of the Rock Island Women's Club, responded by thanking the Aledo club for the opportunity of meeting the sister clubs of the district and for the hospitality shown to the visiting ladies.

Defines Work of Clubs.

Following a Chaplin sketch played by Mrs. W. L. Ray of Aledo, Mrs. Charles Zimmerman gave the address of the afternoon. She defined the work of the woman's clubs in which there are three fundamental principles: First, the purpose to serve to the world at large its power for good as united women; second, the value of the club in its own locality as a power in social service work, and third to inform the women in the work that is being undertaken.

She said that the call to service has become the slogan of every club in the state, that service has become a sacred duty and that women meet on common ground for the discussing of means for the betterment of humanity.

She told at some length of the work that has been accomplished by the women of the state. Illinois Rest rooms have been provided in various sections for visitors. In the localities waste places have been made beautiful by converting them into parks and public playgrounds. Chautauquas have given entertainment, and special efforts have been made in behalf of the young people of the community, dwelling on the fact that formerly the cultural side only was thought of in club work and that now the philanthropic side has been added with great benefit to every one.

There are in this state, she said, 25 federated clubs with a membership of 6,000 women, the national federation having 4,000 clubs with a membership of 2,000,000 women. She reviewed the various departments of the state federation work, speaking first of the house cleaning that is going on in all sections of the country, of the missions work that is being carried on at the very doors of the clubs. She discouraged the limiting of the numbers of club membership as unfair to the women of the community, and made an urgent appeal that the women of the state remain neutral in the great European conflict. She made a plea for the placing of flags in the school rooms, the teaching of patriotism, encouraged the buying of toy soldiers and caravans for the playthings of the youth of the home and the teaching of men of war. She urged the women of the state to inspect the places at which they purchase their food supplies, to supervise their own buying, not to depend on canned goods for the food of their families. In her estimation the most important articles of furniture in the house are three tables: the kitchen table, where is prepared the food for the family, the dining table, where the food is served and library table, about which the family should gather for the evening. Many of the problems pertaining to the young people of the land could be eliminated, she said, if the parents would keep track of their children in the evening and know just exactly where they are and what are their amusements.

Conservation Praised.

She spoke in high praise of the work of the conservation department of the state through whose efforts the beautiful spots of the state are being kept for the benefit of the people, of their efforts in the preservation of wild flowers, of the work in connection with the Lincoln highway, etc. In the legislative department the work accomplished has been large, seven out of nine bills endorsed by the legislative committee having been passed by the state legislature. She spoke of the child welfare work being undertaken and of the special days that are being arranged to promote this work. She preached the doctrine of happiness, urging the women of the land to take their work not so seriously that they cannot see the humor in life. She discouraged in no uncertain terms the sending of money across the sea, taking it away from those at home who are vastly more in need of assistance, maintaining that charity does begin at home, and closing with the admonition to war not with words but with deep认真学习.

Mrs. Zimmerman is an easy, fluent talker, who speaks with conviction. She made a most favorable impression on the women who were afforded this first opportunity of meeting her. She will be the guest of the Rock Island Women's Club in the early spring.

A most interesting part of the afternoon program was the giving of reports from the various societies of the district, including the Rock Island Women's Club, in which Miss Rosalie Stewart told interestingly of the various department endeavors, the Monday Study Club of Rock Island, reported by Mrs. H. W. Ward, the Aledo Columbian Club, Blandinsville, Bushnell, Macomb, Moline, Monmouth, Roseville, Vicksburg, Silvis, Keokuk and Industry clubs.

Mrs. T. B. Davis extended an invitation to the district federation to attend the meeting of the Rock Island Women's Club Saturday, Nov. 5, when Mrs. Pennybacker, national federation president, will be the guest of the local club.

Given Auto Ride.

At the close of the program the visiting ladies were taken for an automobile ride over Aledo's wide, well-kept

streets and given an opportunity to praise of the hospitality shown them during their short stay in the city, no effort being spared to make the meeting the great success that it was.

Attending from Rock Island were: Messrs. T. B. Davis, W. C. Sharpe, Charles K. Mixer, W. H. Marshall, F. A. Smith, J. W. Hender, M. C. Rice, A. Mosenfelder, H. E. Cox, George Roth, P. Greenwald, Allan Welch, K. T. Anderson, T. P. Sennett, C. J. Searie, M. E. Sweeney, William Walker, F. A. Van Gilder, Mayor Lett, H. W. Ward, Misses Clara Whitman, Rosalie Stewart, and Cott Bartholomew. Mrs. John McElroy and Mrs. J. W. Edwards of Moline, and Mrs. Haddock of Silvis.

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